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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release:

Friday, July 14, 2006

3 p.m.

Date/Time of Occurrence:

June 22, 2006

Puppy Thieves Arrested

Nature of Event: Location of Call:

Orangevale

Released by: Sgt. Brian

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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:



An anonymous tip Friday led Placer County Sheriff's detectives to the man and woman wanted for stealing a litter of beagle puppies from Auburn.

The tip came in after the caller read about the stolen puppies in the Sacramento Bee's Friday edition. Detectives located Anthony S. Terra and Mandy Diane Demers inside an apartment in Orangevale, Sacramento County. They had already sold all five puppies.



The pair were taken into custody without incident and booked at the Placer County Jail in Auburn. Demers, 20, of Orangevale, is charged with grand theft and conspiracy while Terra, 23, of Sacramento, is being held on charges of possession of stolen property and conspiracy. Bail for both is set at \$10,000.

Detectives released a photo of Terra on Thursday in hopes of locating the couple who were suspected of taking the five puppies June 22 from a north Auburn home where they were for sale. The suspects had called the dogs' owners after seeing an ad for them in a newspaper and learned when the sellers would not be at home.

During the investigation, detectives learned that Terra and Demers were selling puppies outside a retail business in Elk Grove. They were able to identify them from surveillance tapes taken outside the store.

The Placer County Sheriff's Department would like to thank the public for their assistance in this case.